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Global warming: Polar bears and people--Implications for public health preparedness and disaster medicine: A call to action

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Abstract:

Global warming has been hotly debated over the last two decades among scientists, economists, legal experts, philosophers, and politicians. Yet, the medical and public health communities are relative newcomers to understanding this global threat to humanity. As we celebrate Earth Day on 22 April 2008, there is an opportunity to educate physicians and other healthcare providers involved in mitigating, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters about the medical and health implications of global warming.

Source:

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Posource Description

Communication:

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change; surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

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Communication Audience:

audience to whom the resource is directed

Health Professional

Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Food/Water Quality

Geographic Feature:

resource focuses on specific type of geography

Ocean/Coastal

Geographic Location:

resource focuses on specific location

Global or Unspecified

Health Impact:■

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

General Health Impact, Infectious Disease

Infectious Disease: Vectorborne Disease

Vectorborne Disease: General Vectorborne

Medical Community Engagement: ■

resource focus on how the medical community discusses or acts to address health impacts of climate change

A focus of content

Mitigation/Adaptation: ■

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation, Mitigation

Resource Type:

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinior

Timescale:

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified